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## ABOLISH THE PRIMARIES

THIS is the time for the legislature to once more revamp the old convention form of nominating candidates for political offices. The primary system has proved one of the most cumbersome forms of expressing the wishes of the electors and the result has been that some of the best material for candidates has not come to the front for the reason that the most capable men for office have frequently declined to allow the use of their names on account of the expense involved. Under the convention system the candidates are placed on equal footing and, when the party choice is made there is no further determination within the party. The race lies between the men chosen by the respective parties and a single tour of the country or state as the case will suffice to establish the popularity of the contenders. Idaho has gone back to the convention system after giving the primary system a ten-year trial and there is no repining over the change. The primary instead of helping to the nomination of men favored by a majority of voters has been made a machine for the exclusion of first class political timber.

## WE SHOULD SAVE AUSTIN

IT is entirely too common an occurrence to kick the fellow who is down in the heel with every evidence that he is lost to salvation and that physical chastisement will not damage his self respect or militate against his coming back. Once a man permits himself to run down to seed it is difficult to convince observers that he has any capacity for good or that there is any hope for personal rejuvenation through the awakening of ambition or the desire to soar to the sunny realms of optimism. The same remarks may be applied with greater weight to the treatment Lander county is preparing to administer to the ancient county seat of Austin by robbing that town of its chief treasure and removing the records and archives to a more accessible place. Battle Mountain is the adversary boastful in its giant strength of a railroad metropolis and an environment that presages valuable industrial development at some time in the future. The claimant does not need the county seat as it boasts of such a multiplicity of resources that no additional prestige would be had from wresting the seat of government from the town which did its share in saving Nevada from reverting to a territory after the Comstock blew up and the state had little of value to recommend it to the country at large. Austin mines were kept going pouring treasure out for many years after silence had enveloped more pretentious camps with the eloquent mantle of reminiscence. The story of Austin is a replica of numerous other mining camps whose radiance has been obscured by the more recent booms of the southern Nevada country. Nevertheless it should be borne in mind that at one time Austin boasted of a population of 10,000 people who paid as high as \$220 per hundred weight for flour, where town lots sold for \$8,000 each and where the rush was so great the fortune hunters from California brought their houses with them all ready to set up on arrival at the Reese River metropolis. From California and Utah pack trains were daily arrivals and long trains of camels lent an Oriental aspect to the surroundings. These were the camels introduced to the desert country by the United States government under the impression that no other form of transportation was practicable. The old camp of 1864-65 is precious for the memories it nurses and the saving in distance is not so great that the 90 miles between it and Battle Mountain should sanction destruction of the gem of the Toiyabes. Live and let live is a good motto for those seeking aggrandizement at the expense of others and the Bonanza appeals to save the present county seat to its people for the reason that there is ground for believing that the day is not far distant when capital will gain courage to once more explore the hills that gave the state \$10,000,000 when it cost over \$50 a ton to treat every ton of ore passing through the local mills. A district that could endure after such an anguishing experience must have the resiliency to come back with the application of modern methods of extraction and the restoration of confidence.

## BRINGING HOME THE BACON

IT was the black mammy of Joe Gans who invented the phrase "bring home the bacon" when she wired her son at Goldfield, Nev., to get the Swedish goat. The little colored fighter has a noble imitator in the distinguished first citizen of this republic who is returning with priceless junk that will sustain him the rest of his life if he never does another tap of work. For months the pounding of hammers echoed merrily through the ancient house where President Wilson was domiciled, as rare paintings, books, statues, jewelry and cigarette cases were stowed away in wooden boxes. If the reader should think this is a description taken from one of Stevenson's stories of pirate days, or an extract from Jack London's works he would be grievously disappointed for it is simply the description of the packing of gifts to the president of the United States who returns to this country to preach further his doctrines of democracy. He is coming at a time when every available inch of space is needed to transport the men who fought and bled on the battlefields of France in defense of their country. No doubt, were it not for the fact that a Republican congress will soon be in session, someone should shoulder the responsibility of obtaining the necessary appropriation to build a White House annex for storing these tons of old world gifts. Well, there are other ways to solve the high cost of living besides resigning and accepting salaries from moving picture companies. Auction sales are still more than popular in this country.

Purdue university is planning a chicken inspection commission, it is said. Ought not to be much trouble in getting plenty of commissioners to serve without pay.

## ALL RED CROSS WORKERS, TAKE NOTICE

The National Red Cross has requested that service ribbons be secured and given to each and every worker of the Nye county chapter who has donated either in knitting, or sewing at home or in the workrooms, over 800 hours of their time and in order to secure these ribbons by February 22nd it will be necessary that each and every member phone or send their names in to Harry R. Grier, chairman, in order that their claims may be checked up and vouched for before the present executive committee retires. Every worker who feels she has earned a service badge should make application at once. advF15-22

Allied representatives seem perfectly willing to let the president do all the talking so long as they are permitted to handle the goods.

Straw votes are much scarcer than they used to be, due no doubt to the high price of brooms.

The people in the German colonies seem to have about as much chance for self determination as the folks in Virginia.

GLOOMY PICTURES OF SIBERIA  
DRAWN BY RED CROSS AGENT

(Correspondence Associated Press) VLADIVOSTOK Jan. 9.—A gloomy picture of the situation and outlook in western Siberia and Russia is drawn by C. L. Preston, who recently returned from a journey as far west as Ekaterinburg, in the interests of the Red Cross. The Czech-Slovak front, he declared, is a misnomer, since there is no "front" in the usual acceptance of the term. There were Czech outposts in widely separated locations and the fighting was of a guerilla

AMERICA SENDING  
RELIEF TO SIBERIA

(Correspondence Associated Press) VLADIVOSTOK, Jan. 10.—Twenty-five freight cars carrying \$10,000 worth of clothing to meet the most pressing needs of the Russian civilian population in western Siberia has been sent from Vladivostok under the joint direction of the American Red Cross and the Russian railway service corps.

These supplies are intended for refugees in districts where the Red Cross is operating distributing agencies; but there is included a special lot of clothing materials for Russian employees of the Trans-Siberian railway. These men have stuck to their posts under most disheartening circumstances and their devotion has elicited a special recommendation for assistance from John T. Stevens, head of the railway service corps. The train carried seven cars of underwear, four of blankets, five of clothing material, one car of sweaters, gloves and socks, one car of children's clothing, a car of flannel, one of miscellaneous articles and several of drug and hospital supplies and provisions.

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